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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 208
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Carl Gerber for his exemplary work as the Director of the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Mountain Home.

WHEREAS, Dr. Carl Gerber has served with acumen as director of the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Mountain Home, Tennessee, since 1992; and

WHEREAS, a native of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Gerber is a distinguished graduate of St. Theresa High School, received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Detroit in 1956, his Ph.D. degree from Washington University in 1960 and his M.D. degree from Duke University in 1967; and

WHEREAS, prior to coming to the Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dr. Gerber held several important titles, including Chief of Staff, Veterans Administration Hospital, American Lake, Tacoma, Washington, 1974-1982; Chief of Staff, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa, 1982-1986; Director, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Fort Meade, South Dakota, 1986-1991; and Director, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991-1992; and

WHEREAS, in each of these positions Dr. Gerber has been widely praised for the exemplary quality of his work and his numerous accomplishments; and

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WHEREAS, under his dynamic leadership, the James H. Quillen Medical Center has been acknowledged as a model institution, one whose purpose is to provide veterans with the best service possible; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments include the establishment of access points in Rogersville and Mountain City, making easier access to outpatient care for veterans in outlying areas; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding service, Dr. Gerber recently received three very important honors; including the "Secretary's Award for the Advancement of Nursing Programs" from the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs with a letter from President Bill Clinton; the coveted "Walks on Water Commendation" from the Director of Veterans Affairs Chaplain Service for special support of the National Chaplain Center and the JCAHO survey accreditation with commendation; and

WHEREAS, his wife, LaVora, is very supportive of his efforts. They are the proud parents of four successful children; Michael, a Texas resident; Steven, a California resident; Gabrielle, a Minnesota resident; and Judy, a Washington state resident; and the loving grandparents of Jori, Christyn and Lauren; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize Dr. Gerber; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Dr. Carl Gerber for his excellent service to veterans and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.